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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

#11224

August 19, 1970

Dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic murder of Mr. Dan A. Mitrione. We will convey your kind expression of sympathy to Mr. Mitrione's family.

Both of our nations have recently suffered from the senseless killings of innocent and dedicated officials. It is my sincere hope that we can find the means to prevent further such losses.

Sincerely,

William P. Rogers

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His Excellency
Walter Scheel,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Federal Republic of Germany,
Bonn.

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GERMAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 10, 1970.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Foreign Minister Walter Scheel has asked me to transmit to you the following telegram:

"Mit tiefer Erschütterung habe ich die Nachricht von der Ermordung des Botschaftssekretärs Mitrione in Montevideo vernommen. Mit dieser schändlichen Tat setzt sich die Kette jener Gewaltverbrechen fort, denen immer wieder Unschuldige, darunter auch ein deutscher Botschafter, zum Opfer gefallen sind. Bitte nehmen Sie meine und des deutschen auswärtigen Dienstes aufrichtiges Beileid entgegen.

Walter Scheel
Bundesminister des Auswärtigen."

The English translation reads as follows:

"With profound concern I learned about the assassination of Mr. Mitrione, Secretary of the United States Embassy in Montevideo. This ruthless act continues the series of crimes whose victims are again and again innocent people, including a German ambassador. Please accept my own as well as the German Foreign Service's sincere condolences.

Walter Scheel
Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs."

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May I take this opportunity, my dear Mr. Secretary, to express to you my personal sympathy at this tragic event.

Sincerely yours,

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His Excellency
William P. R o g e r s
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

S/S

AUG 17 1970

To: The Secretary

From: EUR - Martin J. Hillenbrand

Note from Foreign Minister Walter Scheel
Regarding the Assassination of
Mr. Dan A. Mitrione

Foreign Minister Walter Scheel expressed his sincere condolences for the assassination of Mr. Dan A. Mitrione and condolences on behalf of the German Foreign Service.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter thanking Foreign Minister Scheel.

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Attachments:

Tab A-Your response to Minister Scheel's note.
Tab B-Minister Scheel's note.